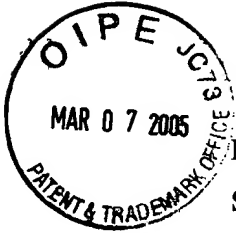


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NETWORK

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, USPTO  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on 08 February 2005. The  
15 Applicants thank the Examiner for the detailed report and request that this application  
be amended in the following manner.

**In the claims:**

Claim 14 has been amended.  
20 Claims 11-13 have been canceled.